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The reply filed on 4/9/2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment filed on 4/9/2007 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because new claims 4 are directed solely to the method, but previously presented, searched and examined claims 1-3 were directed to the apparatus. See the restriction requirement of parent 09/778,107 which points out how the inventions are independent or distinct. See also page 2 of the 5/26/2005 response in the present application which indicates claims 1-3 are directed to the apparatus claims of the parent. To search and examine this non-elected invention of claims 4-7 would place a serious burden on the Office.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art in view of their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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